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**Diane K. Vescovo**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1955  
Education: Virginia 1977 BA;  
Memphis State 1980 JD  
Began Service: June 15, 1995  
Term Expires: June 15, 2011

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Harry W. Wellford (1980-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Lloyd C. Kirkland, Jr. (1981-1987); International Paper Company (1987-1992); Wolff Ardis, P.C. (1992-1995)

**Current Memberships:** Association of Women Attorneys; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Memphis Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association

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**S. Thomas Anderson**  
Magistrate Judge

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**Tu M. Pham**  
Magistrate Judge

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, Illinois - Northern District, Department of Justice

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**Number of Judgeships:** 4

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**David S. Kennedy**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: U Memphis 1970 JD  
Began Service: November 24, 1980  
Term Expires: 2014

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law; Faculty, Federal Judicial Center

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Robert M. McRae, United States District Court (1970-1971)

**Government:** Clerk of Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee (1974-1976); Panel Bankruptcy Trustee, Western District of Tennessee

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1972-1973); Private Practice (1976-1980)

**Current Memberships:** Memphis Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Shelby County Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Vanessa A. Lantin** ..... (901) 328-3524  
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**William H. Brown**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Union U 1963 BA; Mid Tennessee State 1967 MA;  
Tennessee 1972 JD  
Began Service: October 17, 1987  
Term Expires: October 16, 2015

**Academic:** Assistant Dean, University of Tennessee College of Law; Associate Professor of Law, University of Wyoming; Associate Professor of Law, University of Mississippi; Adjunct Professor, Memphis State University College of Law; Adjunct Professor, University of Mississippi College of Law

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit (1999-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1973-1987)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American College of Bankruptcy; American Inn of Court; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Tennessee Bar Foundation

**Staff**

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**Thad Heartfield**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: St Mary's U 1965 JD  
Began Service: May 1, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Jefferson County, State of Texas (1965-1966); City Attorney, City of Beaumont (1969-1973)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Weller, Wheelus & Green (1966-1969); Partner, O'Brian, Richards & Heartfield (1973-1977); Partner, Crutchfield, DeCordova, Brocato & Heartfield (1977-1981); Private Practice (1981-1995)

**Current Memberships:** Jefferson County Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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**Richard A. Schell**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Southern Methodist 1972 BA, 1975 JD  
Began Service: August 15, 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Instructor, Southern Methodist University (1975-1976)

**Government:** Coordinator, Texas District Court, 199th Judicial District, State of Texas (1975-1976); Assistant District Attorney, State of Texas, 1976

**Judicial:** Judge, County Court at Law (1982-1986); Judge, Texas District Court, 219th Judicial District (1986-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Boyd, Veigel & Gay (1977-1981)

**Current Memberships:** State Bar of Texas

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